etc. Introduction of on foot and mobile patrolling, posting of guards at vulnerable points, surveillance by plain cloth staff and surprise checking at entry and exit points are some of the measures which have been taken by the port to strengthen the security.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. During the last financial year i.e. 1994-95, the port handled 10.12 million tonnes of cargo as against 8.33 million tonnes handled during the year 1993-94, thereby recording a positive variation of approx. 21.5 percent. This shows that the port users had been showing a preference for this port. To improve the efficiency and productivity is a constant endeavour of the port.

**Upgradation of State roads in Orissa to National Highways**

8125. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the upgradation of some State roads in Orissa to the level of national highways during the 8th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the state roads identified therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Owing to meagre allocation of funds for National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan, it is difficult to declare any new National Highway at this stage.

**Milease covered by Surface Transport**

8126. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total mileage of the country covered by surface transport as on date;

(b) how many miles are yet to be covered by the surface transport;

(c) what steps have been taken to cover the entire length and breadth of India;

(d) what is the estimated cost in this regard; and

(e) what is the allotment for this purpose in the Budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Government of India (viz. the Ministry of Surface Transport) is primarily concerned with the development and maintenance of National Highways only. As regards National Highways, the total length of National Highway network in the country at present is 34,058 km.

(b) The addition to the National Highway network is a continuous process and the additions to the network are done keeping in view various factors including the availability of resources.

(c) One of the criteria for declaring any road as National Highway is that the road runs through the length and breadth of the country. As such this aspect is taken care of while declaring any road as a National Highway.

(d) and (e) The overall budget allocation for the development of National Highways includes the provision for the amount required for upgradation of State roads as National Highway network. There is no separate allocation made for this purpose in the budget.

**Construction of a road bridge on River Yomuna in Allahabad**

8127. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the project of construction of road bridge across Yamuna River in Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) by when the construction work would be started;

(c) when the above bridge would be opened for general traffic; and

(d) what is the name of the agency which would accomplish the construction of this bridge and what is the total cost of its construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The project of construction of road bridge across Yamuna river at Allahabad is at the stage of preparation of detailed design.

(b) to (d). As the work is at the design stage, it is too early to indicate the date of start of work, the date of work, the date of opening of this bridge to traffic, the agency for its construction and the total cost of its construction.

**दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के कर्मचारियों के लिए पेंशन योजना**

8128. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :**
**श्री हेच० हनुमनतप्पा :**
**श्री वी० नारायणसामी :**
**श्री राजनाथ सिंह :**

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री 24 अगस्त, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 4038 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के कर्मचारियों के लिए पेंशन योजना को कार्यान्वित करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव पर अब तक विचार कर लिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

**जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर)** : (क) और (ख) सरकार, दिल्ली परिवहन निगम में पेंशन स्कीम लागू करने के प्रस्ताव पर सक्रिय रूप से विचार कर रही है। चूंकि कुछ संबंधित मुद्दों का अभी निपटान किया जाना है इसलिए इस मामले में अन्तिम निर्णय लिए जाने में कुछ और समय लगने की संभावना है।

**DTC Depots**

8129. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken by Government to handover important D.T.C. Depts to multinationals for commercial purposes

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): No, Sir.

**Clearance to SCI to sell two ships**

8130. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether clearance has been given to the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. to sell two ships;

(b) whether the delay by Government in giving clearance to the proposal has caused loss to the Corporation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : (a) Permission to Shipping Corporation of India to sell/scrap vessels is granted by the Government as and when proposals are received.